

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2007. This response is accompanied by a request for two month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed.

The Examiner advised that the application contained three inventions namely invention I (represented by claims 1 – 11) which is drawn to a water treatment apparatus including two sand containers removable from the apparatus; invention II (represented by claims 22 – 30) which is drawn to a water treatment apparatus including a bed of sand, a purification member downstream of the bed of sand and a storage vessel; and invention III (represented by claims 31 – 35) which is drawn to a water treatment apparatus including a bed of sand, a purification member downstream of the bed of sand, a storage vessel and a valve drivenly connected to a sensor.

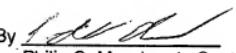
The applicant hereby notifies the Examiner that it elects to proceed with invention I (namely claims 1 - 11) in this application. Accordingly, the applicant has cancelled claims 12 - 35 without prejudice. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for the subject matter of claims 12 - 35.

In view of the foregoing, favourable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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